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Title: Observation regarding notices of Motion for Adjournment.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, I have received notices of Adjournment Motion from Sarvashri Shailendra Kumar, Dharmendra Yadav, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Sarvashri Gurudas Dasgupta, Narahari Mahato, Manohar Tirkey, Dr. Rama Chandra Dome, P. Karunakaran, Basu Deb Acharia, Yogi Aditya Nath, Nama Nageswara Rao, Sharad Yadav, Dr. M. Thambidurai and Dara Singh Chauhan on the recent increase in prices of petroleum products, resulting in rise in prices of essential commodities, thereby affecting the common man and I have heard them in detail in the House.

श्री लालू प्रसाद (सारण): अध्यक्ष महोदया, मेरा नाम भी एडजर्नमेंट मोशन देने वालों में था। मेरा नाम आपने क्यों हटा दिया। ...(व्यवधान)

MADAM SPEAKER: The issue raised by the hon. Members is, no doubt, very important. I appreciate the concern of the hon. Members about the issue of rise in prices of essential commodities which seriously affect the common man. It is a matter of concern to the Chair as well. The House certainly has a right to discuss it. The question is whether the notice of Adjournment Motion is admissible.

An Adjournment Motion is always admitted on the failure of the Government to discharge the duties which are enjoined upon it by the Constitution and the law. My illustrious predecessor, Shri G.S. Dhillon, emphasised this point in one of his rulings. I quote :

> "An Adjournment Motion is meant only for discussion on the failure of the Government for which it is charged; failure of the Government to perform the duties which are enjoined by the Constitution and the law."

In the present case, the decision taken by the Union Government, the merit of which cannot be considered by the Chair, is an exercise of the executive power of the Government which, of course, the House has full authority to discuss. An Adjournment Motion can be attracted only when the Government does not discharge its constitutional or legal duties. That is not the case here. However, a decision to introduce price reform measures, which affect the common man, can be and needs to be discussed by the House. I will consider notices for other forms of discussion whenever the hon. Members give them.

I, therefore, disallow the notices of Adjournment Motion.

...(*Interruptions*)

14.02 Â½ hrs.

(*At this stage, Shri Ganesh Singh and some other hon. Members came*

and stood on the floor near the Table.)

...(*Interruptions*)